



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 17

Meeting Date: September 20, 2013

Meeting Location: Dubois County DCS Office

Council Members Present: RM Lesko, Mendy Berry, David Galloway, Lisa Smith, Melissa Lueken, Amy Tempel and Melisa Tye.

Council Members Absent: Kim Donnelly, Cheryl Hillenburg, Judge Dartt, Judge Weikert, Darlene McBride, and Sandy Bowman.

Others In Attendance: Nancy Rennie, John Schroder, Jessica Richardson, Melissa Winkler, Jeff Gray, Mary Beaver, Micci Frye, Elizabeth Monahan, Janice Williams, Kris Mann, Michael Singleton, Kelly Hunckler, Barb Tilly, and Haley Austin.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:30 A.M. by RM Lesko. Roll call was held.

RM Lesko asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the previous meeting. Council member Amy Tempel made a motion to approve the meetings minutes and council member Lisa Smith seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

RM Lesko introduced Melissa Winkler as Foster Care Specialist for Region 17.

Programs/Committee Report

Community Partners: Mike Singleton with IHBS gave a summary of the referrals for the month of August 31, 2013. As of August 31, 2013 a total of 69 open cases are currently being serviced through Community Partners for Child Safety in Region 17.

In the month of August, a total of 48 new referrals were made for consideration and 41 were serviced. Seven chose not to participate.

Of the referrals, three came from Crawford County, ten came from Daviess County, thirteen came from Dubois County, four came from Martin County, seven from Orange County, five came from Perry County, and six came from Spencer County.

Sources of the referrals (Partners) for this month included the Crawford County Department of Child Services, Daviess County Department of Child Services, Dubois County Department of Child Services, Martin County Department of Child Services, Orange County Department of Child Services, Spencer County Department of Child Services, Memorial Hospital, Forest Park Jr. and Sr. High School, Tell City High School and self-referrals.

Closing Report: July-September 2013

63 closed service cases

59 closed successfully 94%

Average 84.76 days open

Average 49.4 hours work per case.

Mike reported their budget is \$524,216.67. \$83,566.13 has been spent to date. 14.7% used at end of August-2 % below target. 1% of the budget has been set aside to address family needs.

The goal is to see cases closing within 3 months.

Mike introduced Haley Austin to the council. Haley has taken over as coordinator for Region 17.

Haley reported IHBS has met with all of the schools in Region 17 to promote the CP's program. Haley talked about success stories- they were able to help two families obtain housing. 2nd case community resources worked very well together.

RM Lesko spoke a little on the video The Period of Purple Crying-Prevention for Shaken Baby. Kris Mann and Mike Singleton are attending training on this through CJA (Child Justice Act) on 10-3 & 10-4, 2013. Kris and Mike will give a presentation at the next RSC meeting.

Kris Mann talked about a new program called Family Centered Treatment. Rates are still being negotiated. As of now training has not started.

Regional Services Coordinator's Report:

RM Lesko informed council it is time for the biennial report once again. Surveys will be sent out. Work groups are needed. Anyone interested on being on a work group please let RM Lesko know.

Micci Frye informed council FCT has been approved \$88.00 is the per diem rate. Contracts were mailed out 9-19-2013. TFCBT and MI are still under negotiation. MI training is in progress with over 700 to train.

Practice Model: CFTM training was held 9-19-13 at the Dubois County DCS for management staff about engagement.

Regional Finance Manager: John Schroder reported budgets have not yet been announced. Region 17 expenditures are up from last year. John reported that he recently completed training for the FCMs; council member stated it was beneficial training.

Regional Foster Care Specialist: Melissa Lueken informed the council there will be a Foster Parent & Relative Caregiver Fall Bash/Chili Cook Off honoring our foster parents and relative caregivers on Saturday, October 26, from 1-4 ET at Central Christian Church in Huntingburg, IN.

Melissa stated they are getting ready to start a group for recruitment for foster parents. Our foster homes are full. Current foster parents can participate on the recruitment group.

Fatherhood Initiative Program: Mike Singleton with IHBS stated currently there are eleven open cases in the region. He informed council of a success story.

Home Builders: IHBS started offering services in July 2013 to Region 17 and have successfully completed a prevention case out of Perry County. Amy Tempel is the gatekeeper for Home Builders. Counties need to let Amy know if there are cases to be referred.

Old Business: Lisa Smith talked about the 5K run on October 5th in Milltown for SWIAC. Lisa informed everyone that it is still not too late to sign up for this run and encouraged everyone to sign up to run or walk.

New Business: None

Public Testimony/Announcement: None

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: The next meeting will be November 15, 2013. It will be held at the Memorial Hospital Southside Office located at 1100 W. 12th Avenue, Jasper, IN. The meeting will start at 8:30 EST.

Meeting adjourned at: A motion to adjourn was made by Mendy Berry and seconded by Lisa Smith. The meeting adjourned at 9:30.